

# State of North Carolina



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GOVERNOR

## COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are nonprofit, patient-governed health providers serving uninsured and medically underserved people in the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's Community Health Centers provide comprehensive primary medical care to over 330,000 patients through more than 1.1 million patient visits according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Bureau of Primary Health Care; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers promote 100% access and zero health disparities to help achieve health care for all people according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Bureau of Primary Health Care; and

WHEREAS, fifty-percent of the patients served by North Carolina's Community Health Centers are uninsured, and seventy-percent are classified as low-income according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Bureau of Primary Health Care; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers expand access to quality health care for all people and contain health care costs by fostering prevention and integrating the delivery of primary medical, dental, and behavioral health care with aggressive outreach, patient education, translation and other enabling services; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers have made great strides in the North Carolina health care system specifically by maintaining high standards of accountability, demonstrating cost effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of care, and empowering communities to address unmet health needs, reduce health disparities, and reduce preventable deaths, costly disabilities, and communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to support implementation of Community Health Centers throughout the State of North Carolina as part of the North Carolina's enduring commitment to the provision of quality primary health care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of August 5-11, 2007, as "**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK**" in North Carolina and urge citizens to recognize the important contributions of Community Health Centers in safeguarding health and improving the quality of life for all people in the great state of North Carolina.



*Mike Easley*  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol at Raleigh this twenty-seventh day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.